

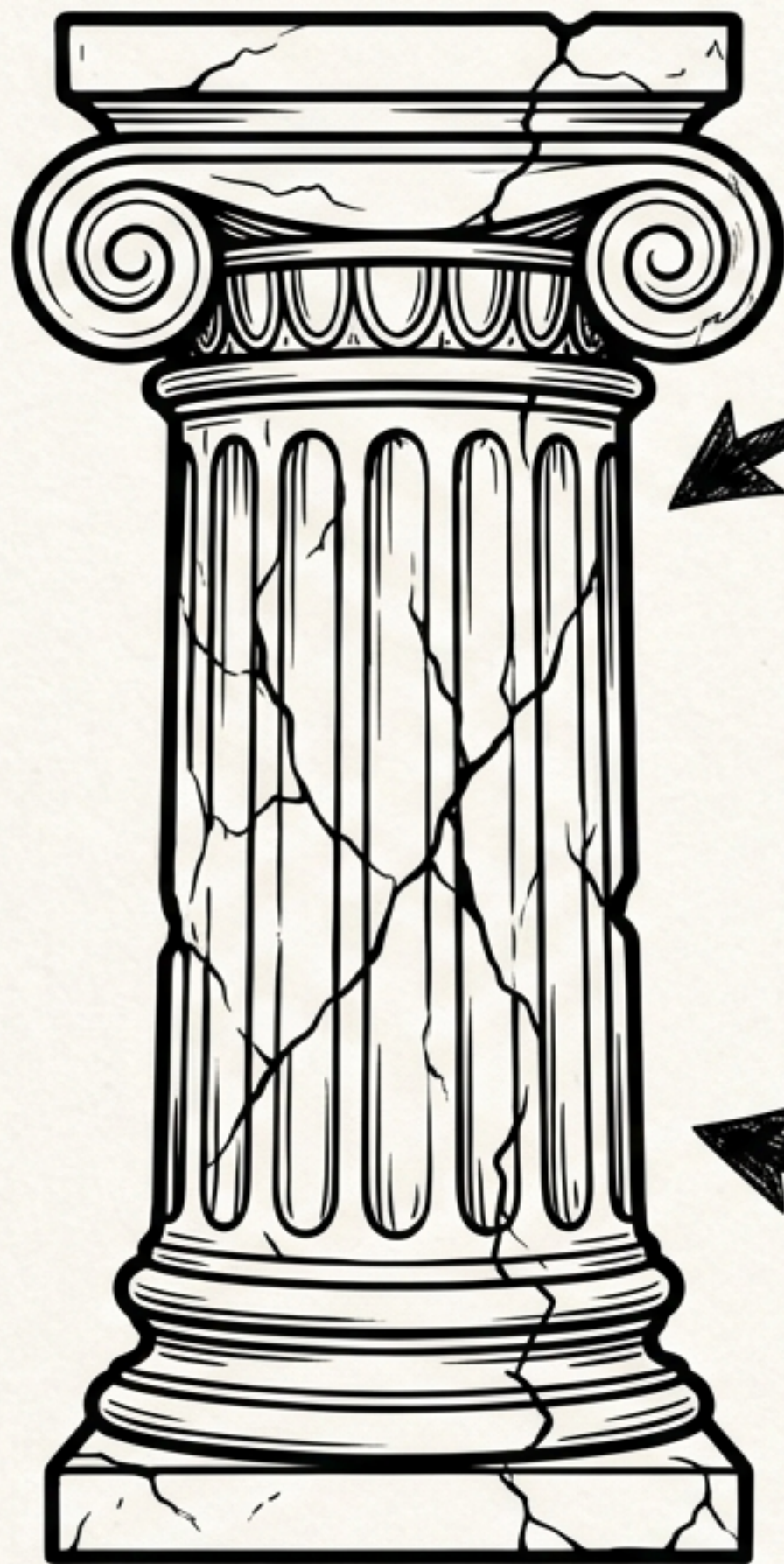
DEMOCRACY: WHAT? WHY?

An Interactive Journey.



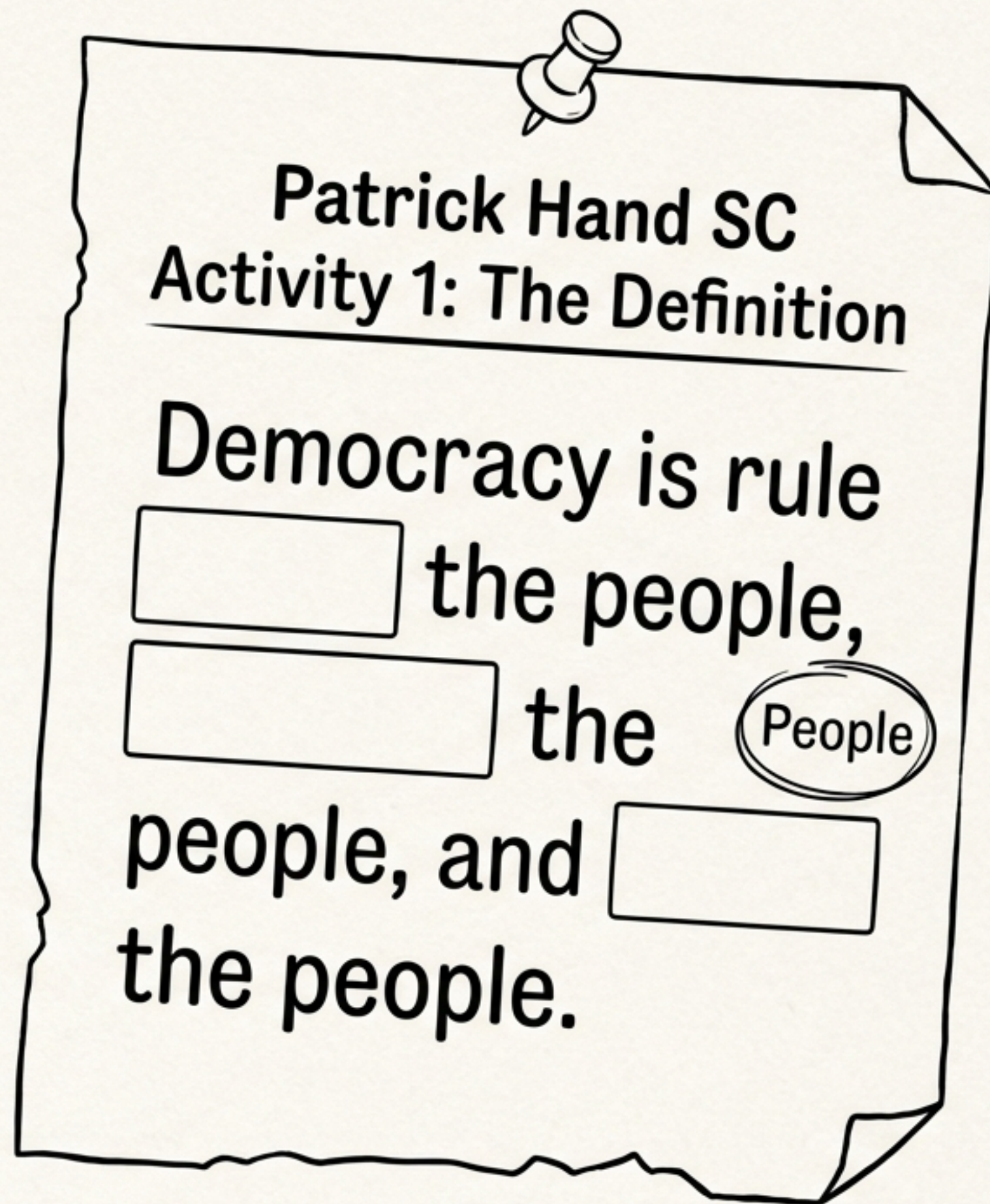
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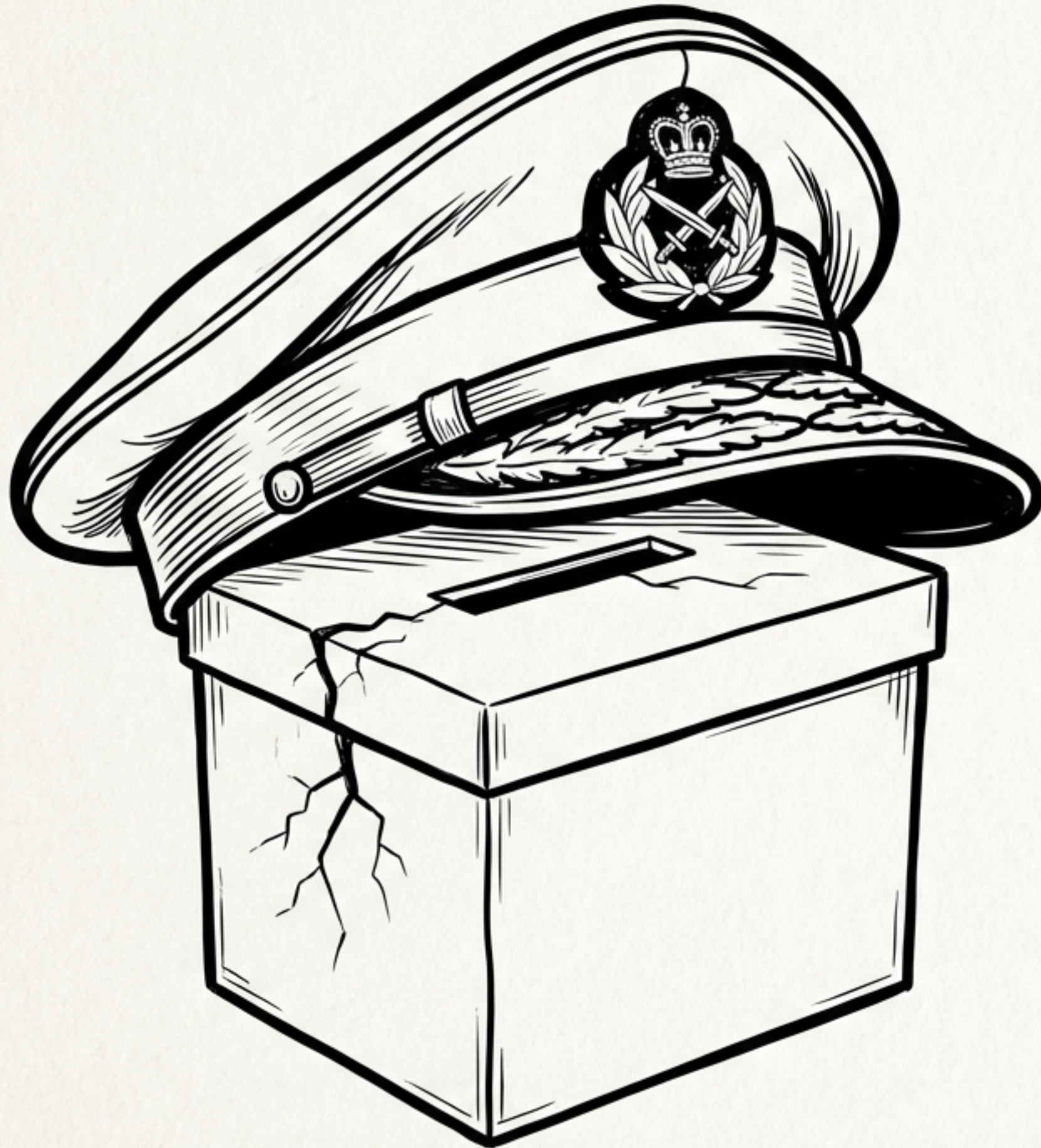
Grab your mental crayons. Democracy isn't a finished product; it's a sketch we draw together. Let's outline the shape of a true democracy, spot the flaws in the counterfeits, and color in the details.



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Demos = People

Kratia = Rule





Feature 1: Who Holds the Pencil?

Scenario: Pakistan under General Musharraf. An elected government existed, but the military held the ultimate power.

RULE: In a democracy, the final decision-making power must rest with those elected by the people.

Is this democratic?

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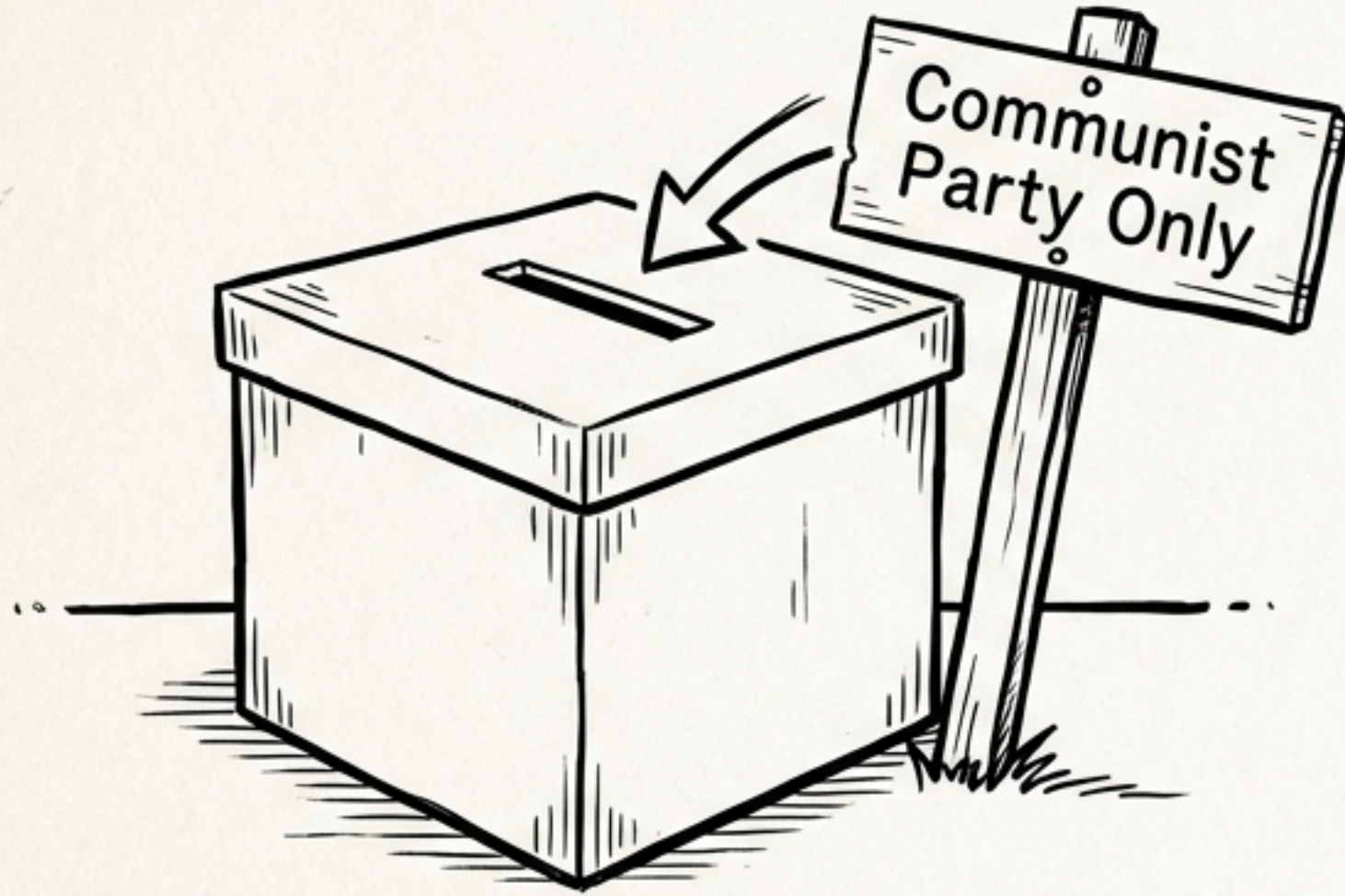
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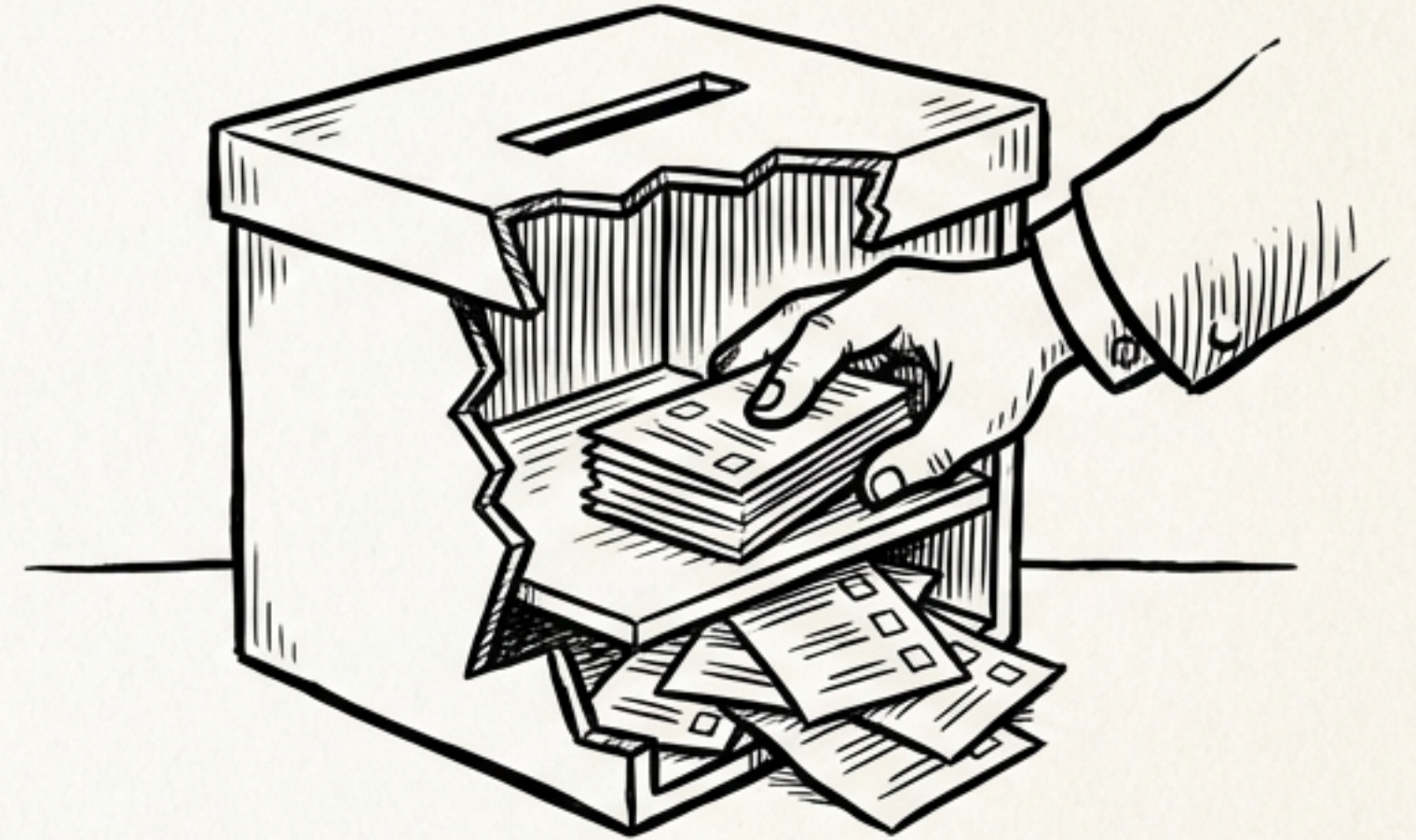
Feature 2: A Real Choice vs. A Trick.

CHINA



Elections held, but only one party allowed to run.

MEXICO (PRI Era)



Opposition exists, but the game is rigged by fraud.

RULE: A democracy must be based on a free and fair election where those currently in power have a fair chance of losing.

Feature 3: One Person, One Color

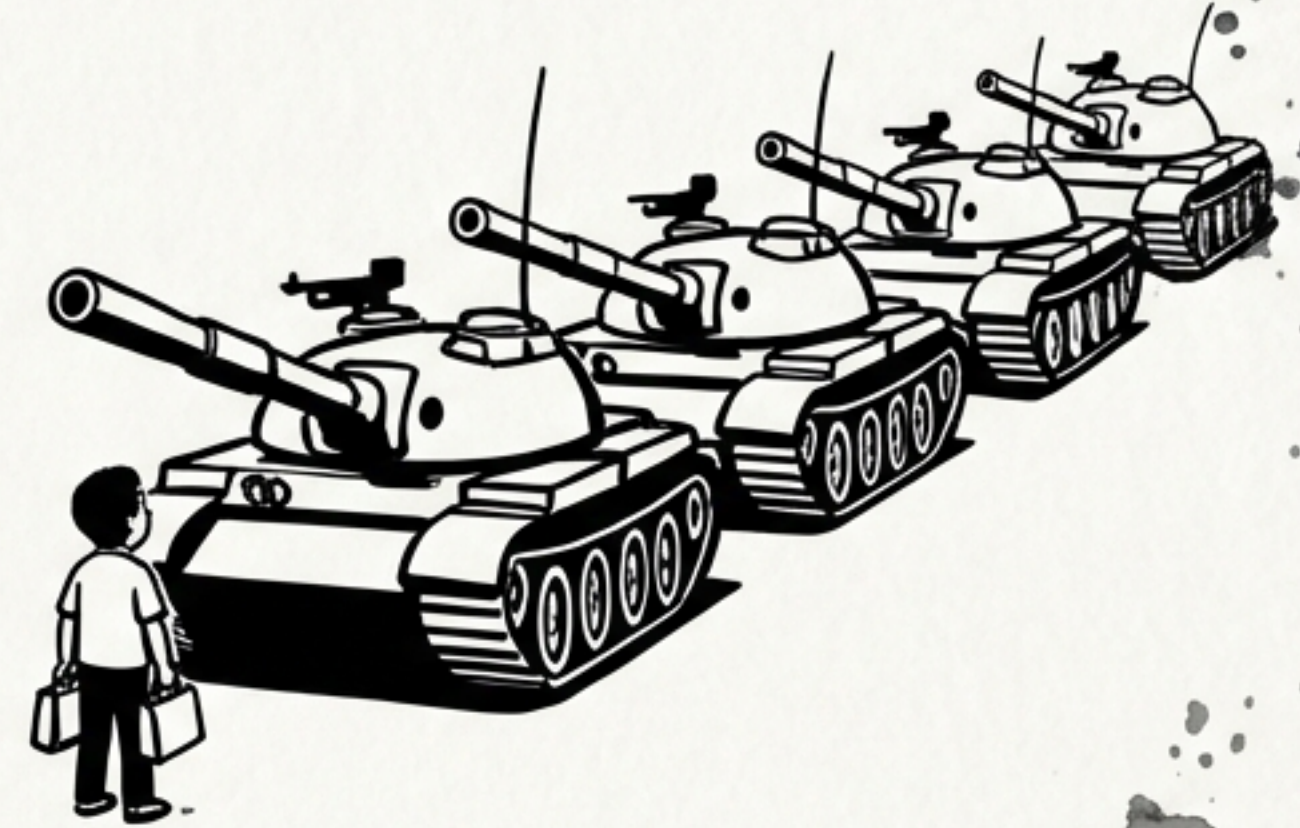


RULE: Each adult citizen must have one vote, and each vote must have one value.

Feature 4: Staying Within the Lines.

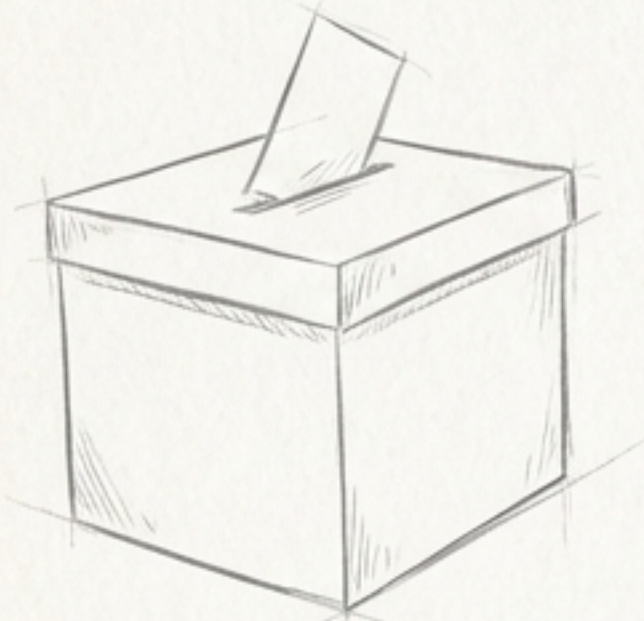


Scenario: Zimbabwe.
President Mugabe
was popular, but
he used unfair
practices, changed
the constitution,
and harassed the
opposition.



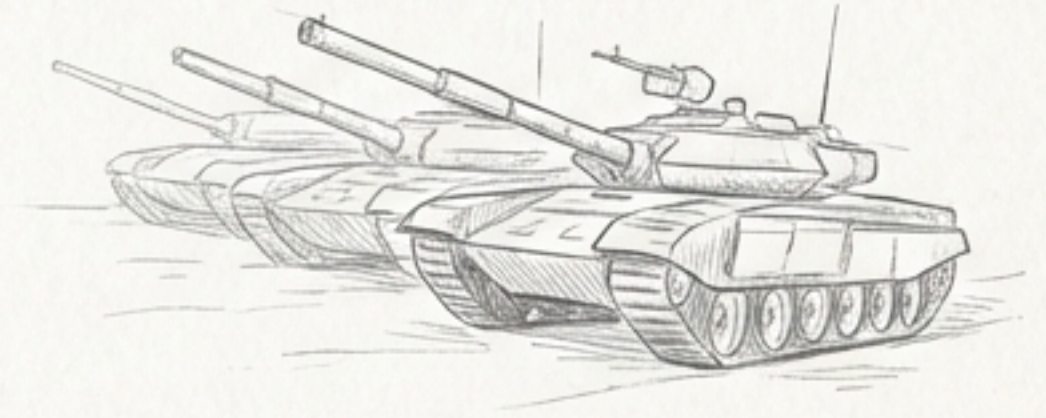
Key Question: Can a popular leader be undemocratic? [☒] Yes.

RULE: A democratic government rules within limits
set by constitutional law and citizens' rights.



THE DEMOCRACY CHECKLIST

- ☒ Rulers elected by the people take all major decisions.
- ☒ Elections offer a choice and fair opportunity to change current rulers.
- ☒ This choice is available to all people on an equal basis (One Vote, One Value).
- ☒ Government is limited by basic rules of the constitution and citizens' rights.



Shading the Picture: The Messy Parts.

Arguments Against



Instability: Leaders keep changing.



Delays: Too many people to consult.



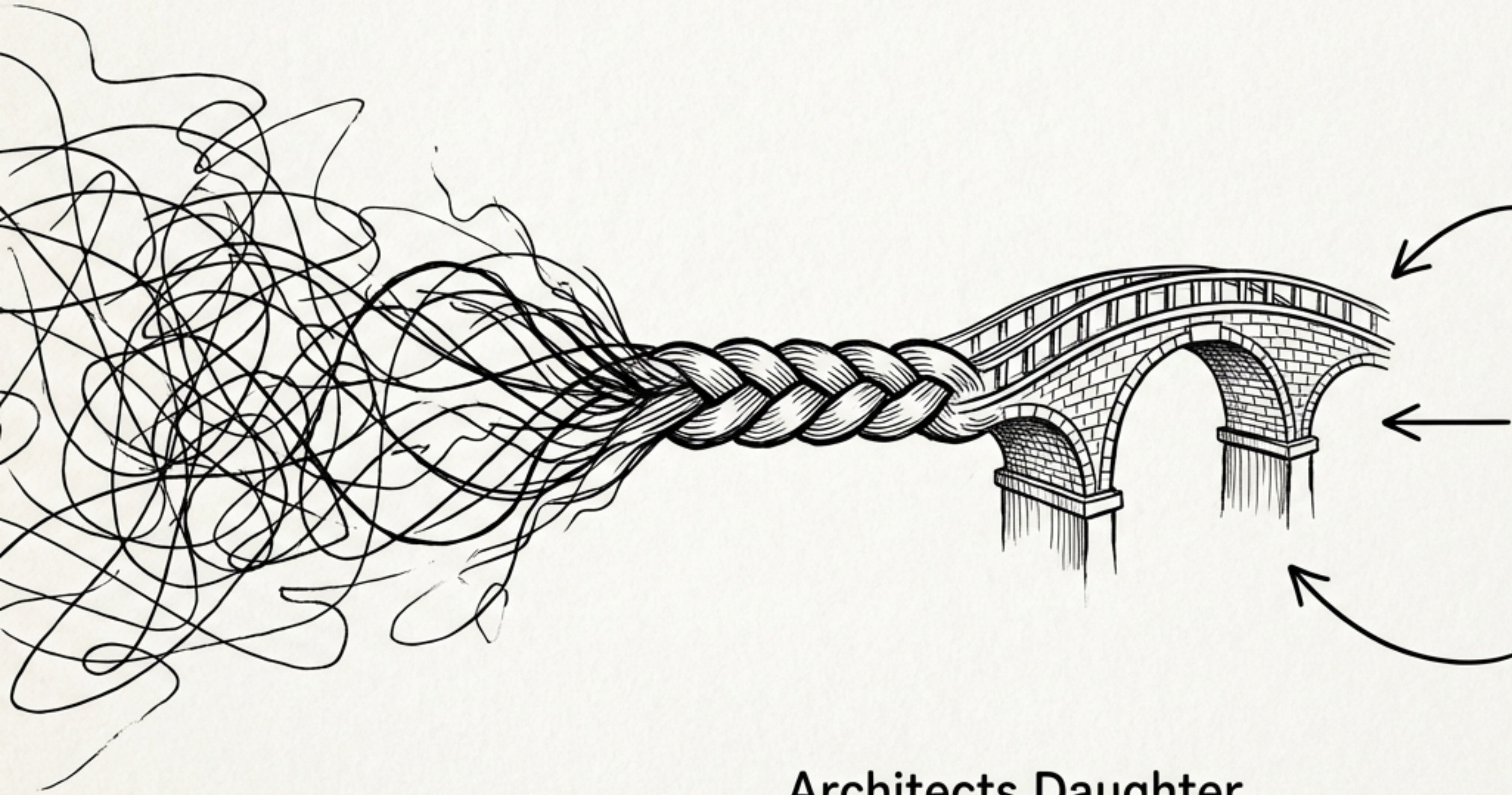
Bad Decisions: Leaders don't always know best.



Corruption: Based on electoral competition.

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Highlighting the Picture: Why We Draw It



Arguments For

Quality Decisions:
Discussion reduces
rash mistakes.

Conflict Resolution:
A peaceful method
to handle differences.

Correcting Mistakes:
Allows us to fix our
own errors.

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Democracy isn't a magical solution; it's a way of dealing with differences.

The Master Stroke: Dignity



The Strongest Argument: Democracy enhances the dignity of citizens.

"Whether rich or poor, educated or uneducated, all have the same status.
People are not subjects of a ruler, they are the rulers themselves."

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True democracy isn't just a political structure; it is a habit of consultation.

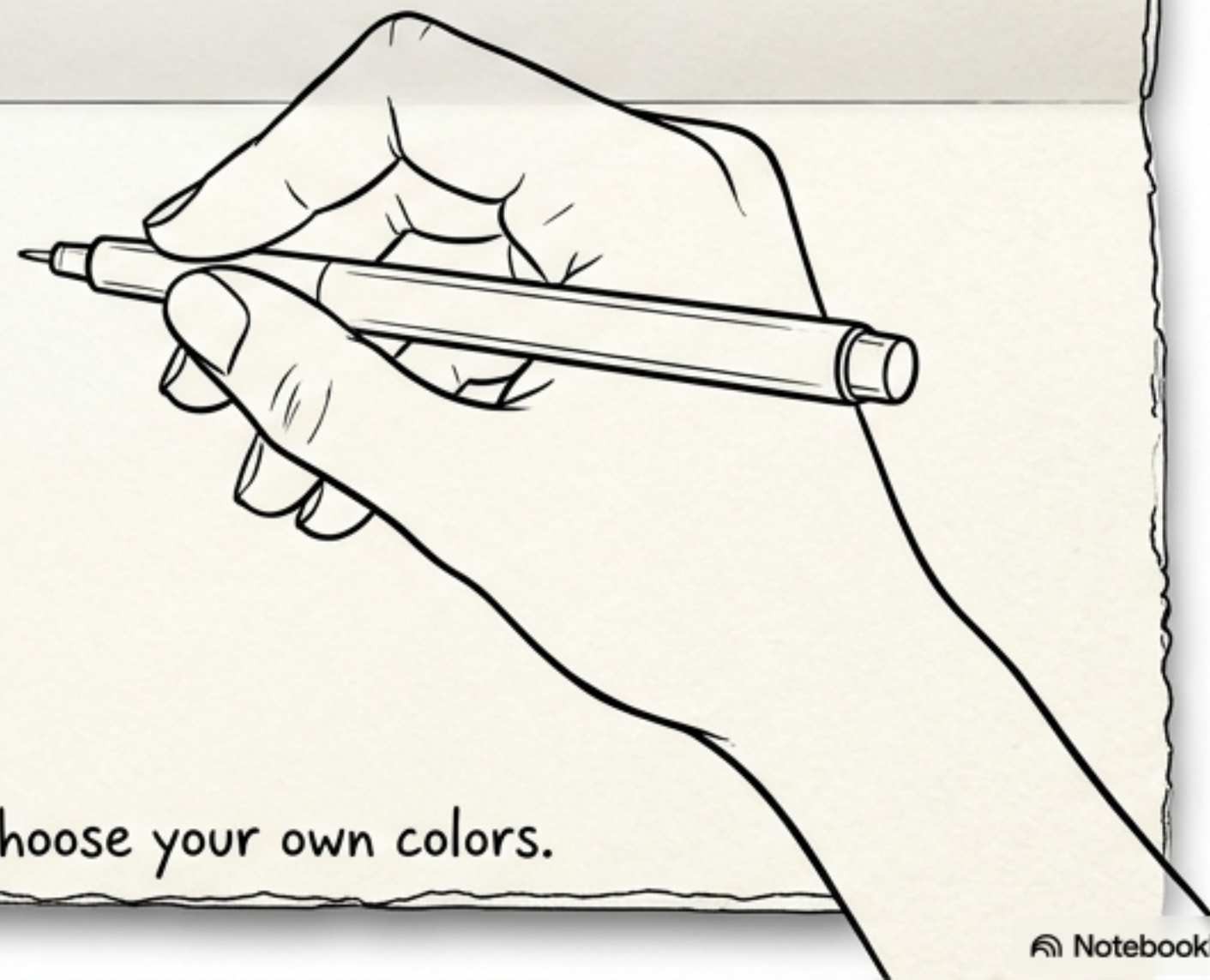
Option A: "My word is the final law."



Option B: "Decisions are taken with everyone's consent."

Your Turn to Draw.

Democracy depends on active participation, not just passive observation. The fate of the country depends mainly on what we, as citizens, do.



Keep coloring within the lines of the law, but never be afraid to choose your own colors.